

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent

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In the Claims:

V Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 1. Please also amend claim 2 as follows:

C 1 ~~2.~~ (Amended) A medical apparatus comprising:
an intervascular device having a contracted configuration and an expanded
configuration, said intervascular device including an elongate wire receiving unit having an
open ended channel extending therethrough for receiving a guidewire, and
said guidewire having an elongate body extending along a longitudinal axis
between a proximal end and a distal end and an expandable and contractable stop
member mounted thereon which is movable between a first contracted position and a
second expanded position, said expandable and contractable stop member being
dimensioned to pass through said channel in the first contracted position thereof and
being dimensioned in the second expanded position thereof to have an outer dimension
which is greater than the inner dimension of said channel but less than the outer
dimension of said intervascular device in the expanded configuration thereof, and said
elongate body having an outer dimension which is less than the inner dimension of
said channel to permit free movement of said guidewire relative to said intervascular
device within said channel in opposite directions along the longitudinal axis of said
guidewire.

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